

Application No. 10/774,556  
Response to Office Action Mailed November 25, 2005

Customer No. 22908

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action of November 25, 2005, claims 1-27 were deemed subject to a restriction requirement. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I (claims 1-10 and 20-24), Group II (claims 11-13), Group III (claims 14-16), Group IV (claims 17-19) and Group V (claims 25-27).

By this Response, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I without traversal. Claims 11-19 and 25-27 are withdrawn. The Applicant's election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicant's right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

**Amended Claim**

Claim 24 has been amended to clarify the intended scope of the claim, however, no change in the scope of the claim was intended or believed made.

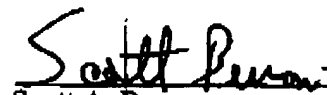
**CONCLUSION**

The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the pending claims and a finding of their allowability. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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